

MENTOR MICHIGAN DIRECTORY

GRATIOT COUNTY

This listing for Gratiot County is organized first by programs that serve the entire county, and second by programs serving a specific city within this county.

The cities are listed alphabetically.

COUNTY-WIDE

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Gratiot and Montcalm Counties

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Program Description:

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Gratiot and Montcalm Counties helps children in need reach their potential through professionally supported, one-on-one mentoring relationships. Elementary, middle, and high school students participate in programs that take place in schools or community-based settings. Volunteer mentors are expected to make a one year commitment, which involves at least one hour per week during morning, afternoon, evening, or weekend hours.

ExperienceSeniorPower.com

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Program Description:

Through ExperienceSeniorPower.com, children and senior citizens learn computer and job skills together. Children receive an adult role model through these "adoptive grandparent" relationships and seniors have the opportunity to contribute their life experience and knowledge. This program includes one-on-one, group, team, and e-mentoring activities. Senior volunteers are expected to make a one year commitment during morning, afternoon, or weekend hours.

COUNTY-WIDE CONTINUED

Michigan Youth Leadership Forum

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Program Description:

The Michigan Youth Leadership Forum involves 35 high school students that have disabilities. The students are integrated with other students and adults with disabilities to learn leadership, social skills, and citizenship. The program involves one-on-one, team, and peer mentoring and takes place during one week during the summer. The program is managed by the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns. Volunteers are expected to commit to one full week in the summer and follow up activities.

Volunteer Centers of Michigan

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Program Description:

Volunteer Centers recruit, train, and place volunteers in nonprofit organizations throughout their service area. They are inclusive, serving all nonprofits and residents—they do not limit their service to a particular issue, group of people, or type of activity. Michigan's Volunteer Centers are all prepared to assist mentors find organizations where they can volunteer. Volunteer Centers often take a leadership position in convening organizations and individuals to find solutions to complex community issues. They live their belief that people enrich their own lives and strengthen their communities through volunteer service.

ALMA

Alma Public Schools - Explore Program

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Program Description:

The Explore Program is a school-based program focusing on academic assistance. Mentors are also trained to listen to other issues mentees bring to their sessions. Mentees are involved with one-on-one, group, and e-mentoring activities. College students are hired to serve as mentors to middle and high school students. A volunteer mentor component is currently being developed and implemented as well. A 21st Century Schools grant funds the Explore Program. Mentors are expected to make a one year commitment, which involves two hours each week during after school hours.